

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

Monday, June 25th, 2012 - 6:30 P.M

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 6/11/12
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2012
- 6) Constable Report
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

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Vice-Chairman Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Marli Rupe, Frank Fressie and Tom Beatty. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Joe Blair, Road Foreman; Tim Kerber, Fire Chief and Bill Jones, Assistant Fire Chief. Dale Kerber, Town Constable arrived at a later time in the meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda: Marli Rupe made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes of 06/11/12 with the correction under Highway Department strike 40,000 lbs to read 40 tons. Marli Rupe seconded the motion adding the correction. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Several requests have been made for chloride application for the gravel roads.

Tim Kerber, Fire Chief and Dan Jones Assistant Fire Chief were present at the request of the Town Manager regarding the property at 76 Main Street. The property is being sold and the prospective new owner has requested the Fire Department to burn the building down. The Fire Department stated that it could use this as a training initiative however wanted the feedback from the respective Selectboard and the Village Trustees regarding the exercise. Discussion followed regarding proximate building locations and possible smoke issues. Discussion followed. Frank Fressie made a motion disapproving the request to burn the building. Tom Beattie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) Chloride has been applied to some of the gravel roads. Another application will be ordered.
- 2) Abutment and wing wall construction specifications for the Ames Hollow Bridge, prepared by the Dufresne Group engineering firm, have been received. They will be reviewed in the next few days. The Town will solicit three quotes for the required work. The abutment and wing wall construction is a FEMA project.
- 4) The Town has purchased and installed three new narrow band radios for the Highway Department. The radios will be paid for through a grant from Vermont Emergency Management.
- 5) The Municipal Loan Application has been approved by the State Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$ 52,646. The interest rate is 2 %. The equipment will be purchased as approved at the April 9th meeting.
- 6) The Pond Hill Ranch Road will need to be closed for a day or more later in July for repairs. No date has been set but residents along the road and emergency providers will be notified.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of Expenditure Reports, dated June 22, for the General Government, Highway and Fire Departments, were distributed, reviewed and discussed. Rosenthal recommended reserving additional allocations in the amount of \$ 20,000 each for the Highway Equipment Replacement Fund and the Bridge Fund. Discussion followed. The Town used its own equipment for making

repairs to roads and bridges as a result of Tropical Storm Irene. The Town was reimbursed for the equipment and labor at FEMA approved rates and Rosenthal suggested reimbursing those two Funds. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the additional allocations of \$ 20,000 to the Highway Equipment Replacement Fund and \$ 20,000 for the Highway Bridge Fund. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2) Rosenthal also recommended allocating an additional \$ 3,000 to the Building & Equipment Replacement Fund from the General Fund. Discussion followed. Rosenthal mentioned that playground repairs in the amount of \$ 5,000 are needed. The playground equipment is 11 years old and the warranty period expired after 10 years. The School has agreed to pay 1/2 of the costs associated with the repairs. The proposed repairs are needed as identified in a playground safety audit recently conducted in May. This will be the first major repairs to the structures since the playground was installed. Frank Fressie made a motion to approve an additional \$ 3,000 to be allocated from the General Fund to the Building and Equipment Replacement Fund. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Copies of the May Financial Reports, prepared by Susan Kasuba, were distributed.

4) The 2012 Summer Recreation Program Schedule / Guide has been distributed throughout the Poultney Elementary School and the RSWSU as well.

Town Constable Report - Dale Kerber: Copies of the Constable Activity Report for the period between May 1 through June 24, 2012 were distributed, reviewed and discussed. Rosenthal mentioned that Constable Kerber received an award from the Governor's Highway Safety Program for 2011. The Board congratulated him for the award.

Board Orders: Marli Rupe made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beatty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marli Rupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

S/Jonas Rosenthal